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Title: **FORCE-BALANCED ROLLER-CONE BITS,
SYSTEMS, DRILLING METHODS, AND DESIGN
METHODS**

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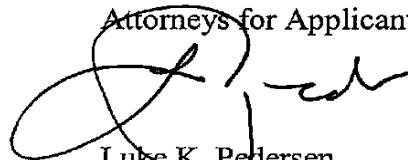
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